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5. (New) The solenoid system according to claim ~~4~~⁵, wherein after the switching command, the control device does not affect the output quantity until at least at least one predefined value of the switching parameters is attained, the switching parameters including the contact speed.

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6. (New) The solenoid system according to claim ~~4~~⁵, wherein the at least one threshold value is settable.

REMARKS

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This Preliminary Amendment cancels, without prejudice, claims 1-4 in the underlying PCT Application No. PCT/DE98/00035. This Preliminary Amendment further cancels, without prejudice, claims 1-3 of the revised pages in the annex to the International Preliminary Examination Report, and adds new claims 4-6. The new claims conform the claims to U.S. Patent and Trademark Office rules and does not add new matter to the application.

The above amendments to the specification and abstract are to conform the specification and abstract to U.S. Patent and Trademark Office rules and to correct informalities. The amendments to the specification and the abstract do not add new matter.

The underlying PCT Application No. PCT/DE98/00035 includes an International Search Report. The Search Report includes a list of documents that were uncovered in the underlying PCT Application. A copy of the Search Report is included herewith.

The underlying PCT Application also includes an International Preliminary Examination Report, dated February 1, 1999. An English translation of the Preliminary Examination Report and the annex thereto is included herewith.

It is respectfully submitted that the subject matter of the present application is new, non-obvious, and useful. Prompt consideration and allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

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